

Marvin Stasser

March 28, 1916 - Feb. 22, 2003
Marvin Stasser, 86, longtime Cheyenne County and Sherman County (Kan.) resident, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 28, 1916, in northwest Cheyenne County, the son of Zadio Mabel (Cook) and Jacob Fredrick Stasser.

On Oct. 4, 1939, he and Cora Lou Rockwell were married in Goodland. Their life together was spent in farming, beginning in Cheyenne County, then in 1952, they moved to their present home in Sherman County.

His life was devoted to his family, church and farming. He faithfully cared for and about the needs of his family. He was a dedicated Sunday school superintendent and teacher, church treasurer, church board member, and school board member. He was an avid gardener and a loyal, trusted neighbor. His natural love of people was expressed in his delightful sense of humor and teasing banter.

Preceding him in death were his parents, sister and brother-in-law Isabelle and Ed Cook; brother Everett Stasser, and sisters-in-law Olive Stasser and Vera Rockwell.

Surviving family members include his wife of 63 years, Lou Stasser of the home in rural Goodland; daughter Dorothy Stasser of Oklahoma City, Okla.; son, Gary Stasser and his wife, Nancy of Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jay Stasser and his wife, Diana of Portland, Ore.;

Sharyl Wooton and her husband, Tim, Elizabeth Stasser and Maria Stasser, all of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters Lillian Archer and her husband, Harold and Irene Cook, both of Greeley, Colo.; brother, Vic Stasser of Haigler, Neb.; sister-in-law, Margaret Stasser of St. Francis; brother-in-law, Merle Rockwell and his wife, Muriel of Denver, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as many friends in the church and community.

The funeral services were on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Church of the Nazarene in Goodland, with Pastor Matthew Delp officiating. Burial was in the Goodland Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Goodland Church of Nazarene, to the Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., or to the donor's choice.

Etha Lucille Brethouwer

June 15, 1910 - Feb. 25, 2003

Etha Lucille (Bowers) Brethouwer, was born June 15, 1910, on the homestead 7 miles south and 2 miles west of Bird City, Kan., and died Feb. 25, 2003, at 10:30 p.m., at the age of 92 years, eight months, and 10 days at the Goodland Regional Medical Center in Goodland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ted and Ina (Hutchison) Bowers, her husband, Don Brethouwer, two brothers, one sister and one grandson, Brian Felzien.

She is survived by one son, Lloyd (Shelli) Brethouwer of Peralta, N.M., two daughters, Donna Baumert of Aurora, Colo.; and Eunice (Leo) Townsend of Goodland; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, a very special nephew, Marvin Miller and wife, Anita, and special friends, Ilone Ketter and Helen Peter.

Etha married Don on Feb. 27, 1932. They were married 61 years and lived on a farm before moving to town in 1953. Etha always had a job and loved helping others. She was a member of Rebekah Lodge

for several years and a member of the First Christian Church.

A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 28, at the First Christian Church, St. Francis. Inurnment will be at a later date in the St. Francis Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Otto Ernest Bader

July 16, 1919 - Jan. 13, 2003

Otto Ernest Bader, age 83, died at Livingston (Mont.) Memorial Hospital on Jan. 13, 2003, following a long illness. A funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Livingston at 10 a.m., Jan. 16, followed by burial at the Wilsall Cemetery. A reception was held at the Wilsall (Mont.) Senior Center following the graveside committal.

Otto, of German ancestry, was born the seventh of nine children to Michael and Sophia Bader on July 16, 1919, at their home in Cheyenne County, Kan.

In 1911 his parents and three oldest siblings left their home in Nesselrode, Russia, to homestead north of St. Francis, Kan., where Otto received his education from the St. Francis public schools.

It was here he met Alice Ellen Frazier and they were married July 4, 1952, at his parent's home in St. Francis.

His parents, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Alice of the home; one daughter, Charlene and husband Rollie Truax of Wilsall; two stepdaughters, Delsie Bader of Grand Island, Neb., and Shirley Ann Heaton of Lakin; one sister, Meta Dankenbring of Bird City, Kansas; two brothers, Paul of Valentine, Nebraska, and Robert of Grand Island; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A more complete obituary was published on Feb. 27.



Bader

News from the Past

5 years ago - 1998

The cast of "Hello Dolly" has begun practicing for the production which will be performed on March 26-29. The play is under the direction of Teresa Porter, Sandy Smull, Jean Ann Confer, Shawn Rogers and Jerry Renk.

Kansas Day was celebrated on Jan. 29 in Bird City. St. Francis third graders performed a couple of square dances for those attending. The Cheylin school band provided music during the potluck luncheon. The state was 137 years old and Bird City has held a celebration for 68 years. Four high school speech students assumed the roll of different prominent Cheyenne County pioneers including Benjamin Bird, Leonard Emerson, Lucius Heaton and George Adam Benkelman. The speech students were Tyler Raile, Michael Dorsch, Heath Leinen and Jon Zwegyardt.

Four Indians placed first at the Northwest Kansas League Wrestling Tournament. The champions were Gabe Jenkins at 119 pounds, Michael Ochsner at 125 pounds, Kelly Gabel at 145 pounds and Jon Zwegyardt at 275 pounds.

20 years ago 1983

The St. Francis Indian basketball team placed first at the Oberlin Invitational. Team members include Gerald Lauer, Rodney Hilt, Mike Weber, Noel Rath, Lex Landenberger, Mark Forsythe, Chad Kincheloe, Bill Krueger, Kevin Potthoff, Dwayne McDuffee, Wes Sherman and Andy Beikman. Coaches are Kent Kechter and Tim Schaefer.

Robert Grace was elected

president of the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce. Bill Smith was elected vice president.

The Cheyenne County Commissioners accepted delivery of a 1983 ambulance to replace one of the two 1971 models. An open house is being planned to show residents of the county the new ambulance and to introduce the new emergency medical technicians.

Winners of the Goodyear Conservation award for Cheyenne County were Mr. and Mrs. Dean O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Neal O'Brien. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Orth and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Orth received the Terrance Maintenance award.

Traveling to Colby to represent St. Francis at the Academic Bowl were Mitchell Hilt, Mike Ketter, Dan Follett, Bill Krueger, Rod Hilt, Wes Sherman and Troy Gardner.

25 years ago - 1978

Maynard Wright displayed his oil can collection at Kansas Day in Bird City. Officers elected for next year are Noble Dorsch, president; Mrs. Fred Magley, vice president; Mrs. Melvin Mast, secretary; Iron Mueller, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Maring, public relations, and Roscoe Shay, finance.

Thad Douthit was re-elected president of the Cheyenne County Fair Board of Directors. Also re-elected were Glen Glasco, vice president, Jim Milliken, secretary and Mickey Graves, treasurer.

40 years ago - 1963

Harold and Keith Bracelin have announced their Grand Opening of the Palace Market this weekend. They took over the ownership of the establishment late last year.

Sunday, Feb. 10 will be one of the

most significant days in the history of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of St. Francis. On that day in the morning worship service the new structure will be dedicated.

Mr. C.F. Hixson has announced that Ideal Super Market will move to their brand new building across the street from their present location the first of next week. The store will be the most modern and will feature the latest equipment of any supermarket in the area.

Nineteen Scouts received their religious awards including God and Community by Susan Schlepp, Jacque Hawkins, Judy Touslee, Sheryl Burr, Gwyn Gienger, Glenda Nash, Suzanne Getty, Rhonda Heaton, Debra Andrist and Linda Floyd, and God and Country by Stephen Lampe, Douglas Rieb, Patrick Holliman, Roger Faulkender, Dale Lundin, Bruce Hefner, Donald Crowe, Jimmy Lampe and Royce Christensen.

50 years ago - 1953
Draft director Lewis B. Hersey said there may be more emphasis soon upon drafting young men as soon as they finish high school. There is a growing awareness that the draft will get young men early or late and that they best do their 24 months of service early.

Appeal is being made for volunteer workers to donate their service to the new hospital on Feb. 10-11. If you can paint, bring along your paint brush. Women are needed to wash and put away new dishes. There is also other work to do for both women and men.



Deadline set for March 31

Wool and mohair producers are now eligible to apply for nonrecourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments (LDPs) from the Farm Service Agency, but they must apply by March 31 for their 2002-year crop.

"The 2002 Farm Bill puts wool and mohair producers on par with grain and oilseed producers in that they now have the option of applying for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments," said Angie Berens, executive director of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency.

Producers have until March 31 to apply for a nine-month marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payments on wool or mohair sheared in 2002.

Producers placing their wool and mohair under loan with the Farm Service Agency receive an established loan rate. National per pound loan rates are set at \$1 for graded wool, 40 cents for ungraded wool and \$4.20 for mohair.

Mrs. Berens said producers can forego putting their wool and mohair under loan and receive a loan deficiency payment instead.

In order to qualify for loans or loan deficiency payments, producers must meet program eligibility requirements. Producers must have owned the sheep or goats for at least 30 days before shearing, and they must retain beneficial interest from the time of shearing through either repayment of the loan or, in the case of a loan deficiency payment, the date the payment is requested.

A special exception to the beneficial interest rule is in effect for the 2002-year crop. Eligible producers who lost beneficial interest before Oct. 11, 2002, are eligible to request an loan deficiency payment gbase3d on the date beneficial interest was

lost. Requests for this special exception must be submitted no later than March 31.

The wool or mohair must be produced and shorn from live animals of domestic origin in the United States and be of merchantable quality.

Graded wool will be converted from a greasy basis to a clean basis to determine the quantity eligible for loan or loan deficiency payment. The net quantity of wool will be converted using the Schlumberger Estimated Commercial Top and Noil Yield obtained from the core test.

Producers can contact the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency office in St. Francis for more information.

Application closing is near

Kansas farmers have until March 15 to apply for coverage under the Noninsured Crop Assistance Program called NAP for short, for certain crops for which the catastrophic level of insurance is not available, said the head of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers," said Angie Berens, executive director of the Cheyenne County Farm Service Agency, "but it's not available for all crops. That's why Noninsured Crop Assistance Program is so important."

March 15 is the application closing date for producers who want to purchase coverage for native grass, feed, millet, alfalfa and other crops.

Noninsured Crop Assistance Program is a federally funded program

that provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs because of natural disasters.

Noninsured Crop Assistance Program isn't a new program according to Director Berens, but some major changes were made in the program two years ago. "Prior to 2001, producers applied for Noninsured Crop Assistance Program benefits after a weather-related loss," she said. "The program has changed, and now it's more like regular crop insurance. Producers have to apply for coverage before disaster strikes."

Director Berens said to be covered producers must file their 2003 applications for coverage and pay the service fees by March 15, the application closing date. "Like

regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

Noninsured Crop Assistance Program coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out-of-pocket expenses will not exceed \$900 for any producer, even if production occurs in more than three counties. Service fees may be waived for eligible limited resource producers.

Crops eligible for Noninsured Crop Assistance Program coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, and include fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops. Application closing dates vary by crop.

Contact the Farm Service Agency office at (785) 332-2183 for more information.

United Methodist Women are Hosting a **BAR-B-QUE BEEF DINNER** Sun., March 9 • 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. United Methodist Fellowship Hall 512 S. Scott • St. Francis Free Will Offering Proceeds to go for air & heat in the church

ARE YOU BURNING YOUR MONEY UP?!

Let **LAMPE HARDWARE** Save You Money!

- \$ Increase your savings with our High Efficiency Furnaces & Air Conditioners.
- \$ Our company can meet all heating and air conditioning needs no matter how large or small.
- \$ FREE Estimates!
- \$ Service after the sale with 24-hour guarantee.

Arcoaire Air Conditioning & Heating "We pride ourselves on quality sales, service and installation. We have grown as a company by always putting the customer first. Don't trust your home or your families safety to just anyone. Give us the chance to earn your business and you won't be disappointed"

Coleman

REMEMBER US •• For All Your Electrical, Plumbing, Underground Sprinkler System & Appliance Needs!

MAYTAG Amana CROSLEY

Lampe Hardware Inc.
1-800-930-3111 OR 785-332-3111
306 W. Washington • St. Francis

EARL...

"OF COURSE! I REMEMBER NOW! YOU'RE THE ONE THAT SAID YOU NEVER FORGET TO KEEP THE GRANARY DOOR SHUT AND TIGHTLY SECURED."

Laid-Back West Syndicate

St. Francis Equity
St. Francis • 785-332-2113 Haigler • 308-297-3223